

## Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

### News on the Beal Front: **April 4, 2016**

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#### 1. A note from the Principal

**Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 5th is an early release day for all schools.** This is an exciting opportunity for Beal staff as we will be spending the time working on Project Based Learning with a keynote address by Will Richardson. Will Richardson, noted author, international speaker and strong advocate for change in America's classroom will explore the important and complex changes and shifts that come with 24/7 access to the Web. You have an opportunity later tomorrow evening to join Will Richardson and the community in continuing the discussion of the future of education. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at Shrewsbury High School. Please join us as we continue to look at what our schools need to do to ensure that we are best preparing our students for a changing world. *"What constitutes an education now that we can learn deeply in informal spaces outside the school walls? What are the new roles of teachers when content knowledge is everywhere? And how do we best prepare our students for the modern learning worlds in which they will live and work?"* --Will Richardson To find out more about Will Richardson, visit [www.willrichardson.com](http://www.willrichardson.com).

There are five early release days built into the 2015-2016 school calendar. The fourth early release day is Tuesday, April 5th. Information about the early release schedule is listed below: - Tuesday, December 8th- Early release -Tuesday, February 2nd- Early release -Tuesday, March 1st- Early release -**Tuesday, April 5th- Early release** -Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Early Release Early Release days at Beal affect the following programs:

-Full day Kindergarten and Grade 1- 12:30 p.m. dismissal (There will be a three hour difference in transportation times. Please allow extra time for differences in midday traffic patterns.) No lunches are served on early release days.

-1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten- no change in dismissal

-1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten- no school

-After School Care- open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
\*\*Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the After School program Sincerely, Chris Girardi Phone: (508) 841-8865 Email: [cgirardi@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:cgirardi@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) Twitter: @Chrisgirardi1

## 2. Trimester 2 report cards

Trimester 2 report cards are coming home in student backpacks today. Your child's report card is yours to keep. Please sign the bottom portion of the letter and return it to your child's teacher. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the information on the report card.

## 3. Student art work at Central Offices

Congratulations to five Beal students for having their art work displayed at our Central Offices at Town Hall. The artists are Angelina Chapman, Lara Saldanha, Aubrey LeBeau, Nishaa Babu, and Courtney Chen. Please look for their work the next time you're in the building!

## 4. April tuition

Full-day kindergarten tuition for the month of April is due. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools and can be dropped off at the Beal office or mailed to: Beal Early Childhood Center, 1 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Please do not send checks to school in your child's back pack.

## 5. Beal Scholastic Book Fair Beal's Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled

for the week of May 9th-13th. Purchasing times will be offered throughout the week and will culminate in an Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 13th. More information from PTO will follow.

#### 6. News from the nurse

Outdoor activities are increasing as we plunge deeper into spring. Aside from scheduled events such as soccer or baseball, many of our Beal friends are out and about in their backyards. This increases the chances for your child to be exposed to ticks. The most common tick we see is the wood or dog tick. They are abundant in heavily wooded areas and tall grass as well as on the fur of the family pets. Once they are on the human body, they will burrow themselves into the skin and may become difficult to remove. The deer tick is much smaller, often the size of speck of pepper and is most commonly associated with Lyme disease.

With this in mind, it is important to check your children when they come in from outdoor play. The most common areas to check are in and around their ears and hair, back of knees, navel, underarms and around their waists. If you do find a tick, use a tweezer to get on both sides of the body, pulling straight upwards. Try not to twist or crush it. Once you've checked to be sure it is all gone, wash the area with warm water and soap or hydrogen peroxide. Be sure to check in with your health care provider if you have concerns. For more info, check out this link- [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org).

#### 7. Beal Field Days

Field Days will occur on the days posted below. Please be on the watch for information from your classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer. **Please note that all volunteers must have an up-to-date CORI with Shrewsbury Public Schools.**

Kindergarten- Tuesday, May 31st Kindergarten rain date- Wednesday, June 1st

Grade 1- Tuesday, June 7th Grade 1 rain date- Wednesday, June 8th

#### 8. Upcoming dates and events

Monday, April 4th- Report cards coming home in student backpacks

Tuesday, April 5th- [Early release day](#)

Monday, April 18th- Friday, April 22nd- **No School**- Patriots' Day and April Vacation

Tuesday, April 26th- Beal PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium

Tuesday, May 3rd- [Early release day](#)

May 10th-13th- Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, May 13th- Scholastic Book Fair Ice Cream Social

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.  
Have a great week!